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Dear Friends;

WHom the Lord hath called out of the World's Ways and Manners, and chosen to himself, and found faithful according to the Proportion of Faith, and Measure of his Grace received, how to walk, Oh! let us hold fast that which we have received that none may take our Crown: Oh! let us keep to our first Love, let us do our first Works, and be rightly zealous for the Lords Honour; and so with a good Conscience towards God, and in the sweet Spirit of Peace, seeking good one towards another, as good Examples and wholesome Paterns in our Practices. Oh! let us keep our good Order in the Truth, and Unity of the Spirit, even as we received of Christ Jesus in the begining, that we should walk in the Light, as he is in the Light (so shall we have fellowship one with another) which Light is one in us all, and the one only true and living Way, leading to the Knowledge and living Obedience of the one, true and living God, that in his own living Spirit of Truth, we might Worship him, and in all wholsom Service hold forth his holy and reverend Name to be one in us all, who are gathered into it, serving the Lord with one Heart, one Soul, one Mind and one Consent. —— And in the beginning of our Day, you that were then born and brought forth in the Truth, you know the Harmony of our Unity was our Beauty and Comlineſs, yea, our Strength and Compleatneſs, so far as we obtained then; and so 'tis now, blessed be the Lord, can we with one Heart say, who by his heavenly Power have been from the beginning kept upon his Everlasting Foundation of true Unity, held in his Spirit, which is the Bond of our Peace, to this very Day and Time, in which the Lord hath suffered Blindneſs, in part, to happen to some, through their own Neglect of Watchfulneſs, and declining their first Love by the Enemy's Subtilty prevailing, who came out amongst us, and had a part in the Belief and Discovery of the Way of Truth; but now, some only have the Sheeps cloathing, and others have lost that too, 1 Joh. 1. 7.

who through a prejudiced Mind are alienated from that Unity of Spirit & bond of Peace, in which we keep our wholesome practices, which we have received in the *Unity & Order of the Gospel of Peace & Truth of Christ Jesus*, in the *fellowship of the Spirit, in Bowels of Mercy*, being like-minded, and of one accord, *in whatsoever things are True, Just, Honest, and of good Report*; not that we should think of them only, but be in the Practice of them (as we are) and feel the God of Peace with us therein, who are confirmed in the Testimony of Christ Jesus, the *one Guide, Way* and *Rule* we are to walk after, where all speak one thing, that there be no Dissention amongst us, but to be knit together in one Mind and in one Judgment; this we have received of Christ Jesus, our Lord, King and only Law giver, that we might walk so in subjection to his Rule and Government, that all things might be done Decently and in Order; for our God is the God of Order, in all the Churches of his Saints, and not the God of Confusion, blessed be his Name; but to our burden and grief, we find among some, a contrary Spirit that will not subject to Unity in wholesome Practices amongst us, and that will needs interpose to destroy Unity in some places, and obtrude it self to confound our wholesome Order and Practices received amongst us, as a Church and People. And through this contrary Spirit, and prejudiced Mind, the Accuser of the Brethren is broken out, under a specious pretence, crying out, *Liberty of Conscience, Liberty of Conscience*, in opposition to those needful, convenient and wholesome Practices exercised amongst us, in outward things, to which we are called, as a People that are distinguished from the World's dark Ways and Corrupt Manners, in keeping our Consciences void of Offence towards God and Man, in keeping both in the Power and Form of Godliness.

2 *Phil.* 1. 4.

1 *Cor.* 1. 6. & 10.

Now that the Simple may not be ensnared, nor the Weak unstable minded deceived, nor the Unwatchful at unawares overtaken, through the crafty insinuations of this accusing, opposing, dividing Spirit, that is at work in this our day, to confound Order, against the peaceable Government of Christ, amongst his People; therefore in Duty to the Lord, and to clear my Conscience, for the sake of those before-mentioned, are these few Lines writ; Wherefore in Humility of Soul, as before the Lord, I beseech you, tender Ones, in seriousness, and fear towards God, weigh the Matter: This Dividing, Accusing, Prejudicial Worker, would introduce a Belief, *That an Apostacy is entering, and we are gone from the Beginning, or first Principle, and*

and the Power loſt; and now Forms are ſetting up, and Impoſition on Conſciences, and the like: And amongſt whom is all this, ſay they, *but amongſt us who are in Unity of Spirit, both in Faith and Practices,* with ſincere minds towards God, are preſerved in ſubjection, peaceably in Unity, and wholeſome comely Order that ſpeaks forth our God to be the God of Order; and 'tis amongſt theſe, and ſuch that they imagine this Fearful Impoſture, and Arbitrary Rule, impoſing Preſcriptions and Laws on the tender Conſciences of the Weak, is now gotten up to Exerciſe, and ſo the Liberty of the tender Conſcience is loſt: And you ſay, They are entangled with a yoke of Bondage again, who would divide the Heritage of God at this day. Pray Friends, let us in this conſider whether theſe in this Blindneſs, which God hath ſuffered through their Perjudiced Mind, juſtly to hapen in them, by which are they not putting Darkneſs for Light and Light for Darkneſs, while they are ſtriving in the ſtifneſs of their Wills to rule, placing their own Wills for Conſcience, and would have a Liberty therein, which Chriſt never ſet free to any that are in a Preverſe, Gain-ſaying, Oppoſing, Willful Spirit, void of the Reaſon of Truth, and the Fellowſhip that is in it, and ſo are led by a Miſ-guided Conſcience; for we never underſtood that Conſcience to be rightly guided, that was not renewed and regulated by the Light of Chriſt Jeſus, which is one in all Conſciences, and leads into the Sameneſs of Mind, not only in Faith, but alſo in ſound Judgment and Practice (and ſo the Teſtimony of Chriſt Jeſus hath been confirmed in us) the true Rectifier and Guide of the Conſcience void of Offence; but now where Self-will is put from Conſcience, 'tis ſenſibly felt to be a groſs Miſtake. And ſuch are (in Chriſtian Charity) to be pitied and better informed, and indeed much Travel hath been for that, ſo that the Miſ-led in a contrary Judgment might be helped and reduced back into Unity and our peaceable Fellowſhip, in our wholeſome Practices, in the outward Affairs of Truth; but that which adds to our Sorrow, that though they ſtill cry, *The tender Conſciences*, yet woful Experience demonſtrates it far otherwiſe, where Prejudice hath ſo hardened, that there is not ſo much ſoftneſs left for the Reaſon of Truth to take Impreſſion, or to receive that which pretains to Love and good Works, which is one end and product of our Meetings, diſtinctly and reſpectively the Men Friends, who diſcharge their places, to whom the Godly Women alwayes give the Pre-eminence, as Brethren and Women Friends in their places, not ſeeking Rule over one another, but that we may be Furtherers of one anothers Joy, and be each others

1 *Cor.* 1. 6.

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Crown of rejoycing in the Lord, meets in the Fear of the Lord, as in the Light of Christ Jesus in our Consciences, we received so to walk and do according to the Order of his Spirit, in which Christ is Present in our so meeting together; and the faithful can seal to the Testimony of it, to the Glory of his Name forever.

But wherein doth this great and heavy Imposition on tender Consciences consist? One thing is, say some, *Womens Meetings are imposed: Why do you compel any contrary to their Freedom?* No; all are left to the Measure of Truth in them, which is one and the same in all Consciences; but Informing, Instructing and Exhorting, that every one be found in the Unity of our Duty, according to our Measure of the Light of Christ Jesus, received to walk in it, as Members of his Body to discharge our Office, and Servants in Christs Family to do our Service, as the good Women of old were Helpers in the Work of the Gospel, in such things as are proper to us, as visiting and Relieving the Sick, the Poor more especially and Destitute amongst us, that they be helped, as also the Poor Widdows, and Fatherless Orphans, that the Distressed in all things be rightly answered, the Children at Nurse be rightly educated, and well brought up, in order to a future well-being in the Creation. Again, we being met together, the Elder Women to instruct the Younger to all wholesome things, Loving their own Husbands and Children, to be Discret, Chaste, Sober, keeping at Home, that the Word of God we profess be not Blasphemed, &c. with many other Matters pertinent to us, as a Meeting, whom the Lord blesseth with his Power and Presence, to sustain and bear us up against all our Oppossors.

Again, *It is Imposition* (saith the Workers of Dissention) *for Marriages to offer their Intentions to the Consideration of the Womens Meeting.* But pray consider, in the Reason of Truth, a Marriage hath an equal Concern in the Woman, as in the Man; and 'tis as reasonable to consider the Woman may have as near a Concern in that matter with the Woman, as the Men on the other Part. And farther, 'tis said, *'Tis Imposition to go more than once to the Brethrens Meeting.* But say we, that are in our wholesome Practices in these Matters, and our Consciences bear us witness in the sight of God, our Eye is to the Honour of his Truth therein, therefore cannot encourage or allow People we are concerned with, to hasten or run together in Marriage, without due Care and Weightiness, and that we are satisfied they are clear in all things touching their Marriage; as they ought to be, and for which end there ought to be a special care over Young People, to whom

whom the Aged had need to be Examples, both of Gravity and good Order, that Christ's Yoke be not cast off by either, nor any false Liberty of the Flesh set up, encouraged or soothed among us; wherefore when they have proposed their Intentions to one Meeting, for them to consider, 'tis but reasonable they have time to make Inquiry and Search into the Matter, so as they may be satisfied, that all things are sweet and savory, that so as far as we can, we may be approved of by all in such publick Affairs. *Yea, But you will have such to come the second time, who are known to be clear.* Yea, 'tis but reasonable that such should manifest their Patience and Subjection, as good Examples to others, in these Needful and wholsome Practices, that are of good Report. And therefore we cannot approve such in their willful Endeavours, to confound the Unity of our Order in this matter, under pretence of a burden to their Conscience; for it was no burden to come once; for that Meeting in it self being Good, Just, Honest, and of good Report, answering the Light of Christ Jesus, which is one in all Consciences; as well in the Ignorant, Blind, Mis-guided and Erring, because they will not be informed, the Light is the same there to reprove and inform, as it is in the Conscience ruled and guided by the Light: Therefore pray consider how that can contract a burden, (*viz.*) the going twice to such a Meeting, as before-mentioned, how it can cause a burden on the Conscience that is rightly informed, though it may be weak, but rather contradicts the Self-will that brings Bondage, and blinds the Consciences: And are not such rather by their opposing Will justly under the Reproof of the Church, and that Endeavours may be, that the understanding of such be opened, and brought to a better Information in their Consciences? For from the beginning we believe God's Witness in all Consciences is one, & its Reproofs of one Nature and Tendance, and its Instructions tending to one and the same end, and leads all, as they are guided by it, into one Way which allows of no false Liberty. *Yea, but you are gone from the Beginning; for you had not this Way in the Beginning*, say the Opposers. Pray consider, above twenty six Years ago, in the South Parts we were a very little handful of People, gathered into the Belief of the Light of Christ Jesus; so as it is that very Principle of Life in us, that we through Obedience to it might come to know God, as it is Eternal Life to know him, and rightly to worship him in his Spirit, and to be led by him into all Truth, and in Testimony of his own Spirit, in these our Practices, which since the Lord hath called us to, as we are a People called and gathered by the Lord. Pray Consider, I speak the

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Truth of my Knowledge, and my Conſcience beareth me witneſs in what I have or ſhall ſay in this Matter, according to my ſmall Portion and Meaſure, in the Unity of the Grace received (I give God the Glory, in Humility of Soul before him, for my Preſervation to this Day) for pray conſider, through the ſmallneſs of Number, in the beginning, we were not ſo capable as now for Order in outward affairs, nor was there then ſuch occaſion as now, but then the Grace of God grew amongſt us, and the mighty Arm of his Power was manifeſted, by which many were gathered to believe in the Light of Jeſus Chriſt, it being that, and no other Name given under Heaven, by which men muſt be ſaved. Now in our little meaſure of Faith, in this One Way, One Name, One Truth, we were as in a threefold Cord of God's Love, joyned together; and as we encreaſed in Number, then occaſion begun of Services, of ſeveral kinds, which we were called in the Truth to conſider of, which are not ſo proper here to mention, but this one of Marriage. Before we were or could be gathered into the Order of Men and Womens Meeting; Upon the weight of the matter, a neceſſity did appear, that Friends in the Unity of the Spirit and Wiſdom of God ſhould conſider of a Way wherein this matter might be tranſacted among our ſelves, in wholeſome Savoury Order, as the Truth might in no wiſe be Scandalized, but the Teſtimony of Truth born in it to the World: The moſt convenient Method then ſeen, for Truth's ſake, was, that Perſons declared their Intentions in our publick Meeting; after Friends were ſatisfied in their Marrying, they took each other in the publick Meeting: But after our Meetings grew more Numerous, and alſo diſorderly Spirits began to get up, which were not ſubject to the Truth, ſuch would intrude into our Meetings, to take each other; ſo then a Neceſſity in Truth required a further Method, for a more particular and ſtrict Care in this caſe: In all which we are not gone from the Light and Power of God, and firſt Principle; but in theſe and other things we have been in our good Order and Practices, and ſweet Fellowſhip managed by it; and I hope the tender in Conſcience will conſider, that are impartially Minded, that 'tis no Impoſition to inform and perſwade the Ignorant and Willful to ſubject in this or any other matter, that is Honeſt, Juſt, Savoury and of good Report, and lawful to conform to, in the Unity of Love to practiſe, being no other but what is conſonant to the Conſcience, ſwayed and regulated by the Light of Chriſt Jeſus, in which is the true Liberty of the Conſcience, whether weak or ſtrong: For I hope all will conclude, that

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if the weak, in their little measure of Light, be kept Conformable to the Truth, that by the Light they cannot be led in their little measure to oppose the strong in their greater measure; and may see further, that 'tis not reasonable in Truth; for the Light cannot contradict it self, and 'tis the same in the strong as in the weak; But 'tis greatly to be lamented at this day, that to any that have known the Lord, and at any time fellowship among his People, the Cross of Christ should become so ineffectual, that such Blindness is happened, that they should put Self-opposing-will for a tender Conscience: I do not say, they know it; but whether they do or no, I Pray God open their Understandings, and subdue that perverse wilful Spirit and cross Selfish humor, that works in opposition to a General Good and Peaceable Subjection amongst the People of the Lord and Church of Christ. Surely these, though they may cry, *Liberty of Conscience*, and pretend for tender Consciences too, yet they are not fit Subjects for that Liberty that Christ redeems to, and sets free in, to serve him with a Conscience purged from Dead Works; nay, they that set themselves, in their wilful prejudiced Opposition, against our Peaceable practising in the *Church of God, Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure whatsoever things pretain to Love, whatsoever things are of good report*, Phil. 4 8. in which the God of Peace is with us now; that which is opposing our Unity therein, would affright the simple ones with amazing expressions of Imposition, *&c.* on weak Consciences, and going from the Spirit of Life and Power into the Form; but blessed be the Lord that we have kept our Habitation in the Power, and held our Unity in that Spirit that gives us Life, thereby to live to God, and not to our selves, to serve him in that Form of Godliness, which the Power hath brought forth amongst us, to live in the Unity of, and in his Spirit, the Foundation of our Preservation, in Peace and Consolation to this very day; and the Faith of such remains firm in God's everlasting Power, even as we received in the beginning of the breaking forth of the Day of the Lord, in which his ancient Arm and excellent Everlasting Name was revealed, which is above every Name, into which a Number was gathered to believe and meet in, and the Lord was there, and is to this very day in the midst of them, as Thousands, and ten Thousands can speak to the Testimony of it; Oh! Glory, Obedience, and everlasting Dominion be ascribed to his honourable and everlasting Name over all forever; For the Kingdom of our God and his Christ, on whose Shoulders the Government is laid, shall prevail throug all Clouds of

oppſition, and Miſts of thick Darkneſs, that have riſen out of a miſ-guided underſtanding, through a prejudided mind, even to enſnare the weak and ſimple, and deceive the unſtable Soul, drawing from our *Chriſtian* Unity, which is purely held in the Spirit.

And ſo, inaſmuch as the Envious Worker is ſuffered to proceed, that would even raze out the Foundation of Chriſt's Kingdom and Government, under which his Subjects do only own their *Chriſtian* Freedom and true Liberty of Conſcience; and whatſoever may be inſinuated to the contrary, by the Enemy of our Souls Well-fare in the particular, and the Churches Peace in the general, which God may ſuffer, it is for the Tryal of our Patience, and Manifeſtation and Confirmation of our Faith and Love one to another, and that it is in the Election in Chriſt Jeſus which cannot be deceived, whereby we are ſtrong in the Lord, and in the Power of his might is our confidence, that all ſhall work together for good to the Called, Choſen and Faithful, according to his purpoſe in Chriſt, and effectual working of his Grace; And that the Lord in his Power and due time, will ariſe to clear the Inocency of his People, and Confound and lay Waſte all that which works in Oppoſition to the Proſperity and Unity of his Truth, and peaceable Government of Chriſt in his Church, which is formed in the Power of God.

So all Glory we aſcribe to the one pure Power, in which we believed in the beginning, as the Foundation of Chriſt's Government and Kingdom that ſhall never have end.

Anne Whitehead.

A true Information of our bleſſed Womens Meeting *(for we are bleſſed, and the Lord hath bleſſed us, praiſed be that Everlaſting Arm of Power, that gathered us in the beginning to be a Meeting) betwixt three or four and twenty Years ago.*

THus it was, after the Word of eternal Life and Salvation, and Light of Chriſt Jeſus in the Conſcience, had been preached in this City, for ſome time, many there were that received the Report, and was Convinced of it, many Poor as well as Rich; and oft-times Sickneſs and Weakneſs came upon many Poor Ones, and many Diſtreſſed and troubled in mind, when the Judgments of the Lord were upon

upon them; and they would often-times desire the Servants of the Lord to come unto them, such that had a Word in season to speak to them: And our dear Friend *George Fox*, that man of God, for so he is, the Lord has made him a Blessing in his Hand to many, praised be the Lord forever, he was many times sent for to many that were Sick and Weak in this City, and when he came to behold their want of things needful for them, some scarcely Clothes to cover them, or food to eat, or any one to look to them in their Distresses and Wants: The consideration of it was weighty upon him, and he was moved of the Lord to advise to a Womans Meeting; and in order thereunto, he sent for such Women as he knew in this City; of which there are many living to this day, that can testifie to the same, who keep the Meeting in the Faith of that power that gathered us together; Blessed be the Lord forever who makes willing, and gives strength to answer his Requirings in all things. And when dear *G. Fox* declared unto us what the Lord had made known unto him by his power, That there should be a Womans Meeting, that so all the Sick, the Weak, the Widdows and the Fatherless, should be minded and looked after in there Distresses that so there should be no want amongst the Lords people, but that all Distressed ones should be minded and looked after: I can truly say, we had an answer of God in our hearts to his Testimony, and my Soul was refreshed at that time, and my Heart tendred, with many more of my Sisters, in the sensible feeling of that everlasting Life and power of the Lord, and his Universal Love that had moved in his dear Servant, to call us to this Work; and we joyned with him in the power of God in it: and so we appointed a Meeting, and after we had met for some time, we considered which way we should answer the Necessities; and it arose in the Hearts of some Friends, *That we should have a conveniency, that so all the Faithful might offer as unto the Lord, not knowing what one another offers; that so from him they might expect their Reward*; and it was concluded upon accordingly by the Meeting. And there were found among us some that were unworthy, that we could not relieve out of that which was provided for the Faithful; and yet they were such that frequented our publick Meetings, and looked unto us for Charity; and we could not send them empty away; So we considered, and had a Weekly Gathering for them, that it might be fulfilled, as it is written, *Do good unto all, but especially to the Houshold of Faith.* And after some time of our meeting together, there came two of the Brethren from the Mens Meeting to us, when we were met together, expressing their Unity with us, and

alſo did declare the mind of the Mens Meeting, (viz.) *That they would be ready to help and aſſiſt us in any thing we ſhould deſire of them for Truth's Service.* And ſo in ſome time it was agreed upon, in the Unity of the Truth, that the Men Friends ſhould pay the poor Friends Rents, and find them Coles, (ſuch as we Relieve, that were faithful) and put out ſuch poor Friends Children, as we ſhould offer to them; And this has been done almoſt from the beginning of our Meeting to this Day; beſides many other Services that fall in by the way, that cannot be omitted by us; And thus the Work of the Lord has been carried on and proſpered by the Arm of his everlaſting power, *Magnified be his Name forever, who has found us worthy, and made us willing to anſwer whatſoever he requireth of us, according to the meaſure received of him.* And this I do declare, that it was the ſame everlaſting quickning power that firſt viſited us by the Spirit of Judgment and of Burning, and wrought in our inward parts mightily, even as the little Leaven in the three Meaſures of Meal, to purifie and to cleanſe, purge out and put under all that was contrary to the Lord, and to make us Habitations fit to do his Will, that gathered us and made us a Meeting, and the ſame has been with us to this very day, bleſſed and magnified be his Name forever.

And I have a Word in my Heart to ſay unto you all *Back-ſliders, Obſtructers, Oppoſers,* and ſuch as countenance them ſecretly, of this our heavenly Order of Men and Womens Meetings, which the Lord by his power has ſet up, & hath given Wiſdom according to true Knowledge, to act in the Church of Chriſt: you that have deſpiſed Dignities, and ſpeak Evil of the ſervants of the Lord, ſuch that faithfully have labour'd amongſt us from the beginning, which the Lord hath found worthy of double Honour, giving ſome of them odd Names; Alas poor people! what will become of you, except you Repent? Conſider and ſee, whether ſome of you, could not once have plucked out your Eyes to have done them good? Oh what is the matter now! Has not the Serpent deceived you, and made you to eat of the forbidden Fruit, and let in the Spirit of Enmity that ſows Diſſention, and makes Diviſion in the Heritage of God; I do ſay, the Lord's Controverſie is with you, and your End will be Miſerable, except you come to Repentance; which my Soul hath often deſired for you: For I do well know, and the Lord hath ſealed it upon my Heart, That that Spirit which hath oppoſed the bleſſed Unity and Order of Truth, in theſe our Men and Womens Meetings, ſhall never proſper, nor they who are in it, inwardly to God, without Repentance; although outwardly they may

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make never so great a shew with high Words and Notions. But saith the opposing Spirit, *We are not against your Meetings in* London; *but we have no such need in the Countries.* Doubtless Christ's Churches in the Countries are one and the same as in the Cities, of which he is Head of his Churches there as in *London*; and surely his Members have the same Office and Service in kind and quality, although it may be not so much in quantity, which is reasonable for the Impartial minded to consider.

And now, my Dear *Friends* and *Sisters*, in the blessed Truth of our God, you that have kept this our Meeting for many Years, and some of you from the first Day the Lord gathered us together, and made us a Meeting, I do believe that you with me can truly say, *That we have felt the drawings of the Father's Love from time to time to this our Meeting, and his Blessing is amongst us*; Insomuch as we dared not to suffer any of our own Occasions to hinder us from this our Service, to which the Lord hath called us, but many times have pressed through the croud of much Business; and many things that would have hindred, but we dared not to give way unto it, but in faithfulness answer the Lord's Requirings: The Lord hath been with us of a truth from time to time, his Living Powerful Presence has been truly witnessed amongst us, to the refreshing of our immortal Souls; which is a true Confirmation to us, that the Lord owns us in this our Service. And I can truly say, I had true Breathings to the Lord in the behalf of our younger Women, as they come to be settled in the World amongst us, that they may be affected with the Work and Service of our Meeting as truly as we have been, and are to this day, and that they may be Heirs of the Grace of God with us. And this I can truly say, I have felt the zeal of the Lord to arise in my Heart, sometimes in a Meeting, and sometimes upon my Bed against this wicked Spirit, that hath sought to lay waste and bring to nought our blessed Meeting and heavenly Society and Order, which hath been set up amongst us, and a true sence hath been upon me of our dear Friends up and down the Nation, of their great Tryal and Exercise that hath been upon them, because of this wicked dividing Spirit, and especially in my Native Country (viz.) *Wiltshire*. And this was the first moving cause in the Power of God in my Heart, to cast in my Mite as my Testimony to that everlasting Universal blessed Power, which the Lord hath made me a living Witness of, according to my measure: And this I can say, the more Opposition we have had against our Womens Meeting, the more we have increased in the Power of the Lord, and he hath blessed

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our Endeavours and Services; and therefore *Friends*, be not discouraged, but go on in the Work and Service of the Lord in his Power, to his Glory, who hath honoured his Daughters of *Abraham* and *Sion*, in his heavenly Work; and therefore we cannot but serve the Lord in our Generation, and be Valiant for his Truth upon Earth, and our desires are, that all our fellow Sisters in the Lords Truth may do the same every where throughout the whole Earth, where the Lord hath gathered them, so that all may live to the Praise and Glory of God, *Amen.*

And though we are Absent in the Body, yet Present in Spirit with all the Faithful, with the Spirit joying, and beholding your Spiritual Order in the Spirit, and Steadfastness of your Faith in Christ Jesus, the second Adam, *the Lord from Heaven, in whom our Peace and Rest is.*

Mary Elson.

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